

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of the present application, in light of this amendment and the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 are pending. Claims 1-3 correspond with non-elected Claims 3, 5 and 7 from parent Application Serial No. 09/715,151. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added by this amendment.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the pending application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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